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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Ernest Lindley said the 2nd of March off-the-record dinner at the CARLTON is coming along well. He is inviting bureau chiefs, columnists, wire service heads, radio representatives, and editors of the three D.C. papers.

Are there any people you particularly want invited?

Lindley said that David Lawrence will be away. Lindley will invite Owen Scott of WORLD REPORT. Lindley points out that Scotty Reston will be invited but not Bill Lawrence since Bill is not a bureau head. Ernest says others would not like it were Bill invited in addition to Reston. Favoritism to NYTIMES. Should Reston accept for himself, rather than turn over the bid to Lawrence, we have a bit of a dilemma. Lawrence is in Georgia covering the President. Bill would have been doing the inviting were it not for the time factor and his absence in the South. If Reston accepts for himself, I think we should tell Ernest to make an exception, at your request, and also invite Bill Lawrence.

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